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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-9 and 11-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 3, 4, 11, 18, 19, 26 and 27 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 30 and 31 have been added to replace previously cancelled claims 6 and 10. In the previous Reply dated May 3, 2004, applicants' representative incorporated the limitations of claims 6 and 10 into select independent claims based upon the Examiner's indication that the claims contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 6 and 10 were cancelled.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner states that the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claim 10 (and claim 6 which depends there from) was an oversight and that these claims do not contain allowable subject matter. In response thereto, claims 30 and 31 are presented herewith to replace the previously cancelled claims.

Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on June 7, 2004 where it was agreed that a modified version of claim 11 would overcome the cited prior art. Specifically, the Examiner agreed that by replacing the "UTF-8 format" of claim 4 (which is an intervening claim of claim 11) with a "predefined format", claim 11 would sufficiently overcome the cited prior art and place the application in condition for allowance.

In accordance thereto, independent claims 1, 15, 23 and 29 have been amended herein to emphasize various aspects of the claimed invention. More particularly, the independent claims of the subject application have been amended to recite the agreed upon limitations of objected to claim 11 which the Examiner deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed the herein amendments (incorporating such allowable subject matter) place the application in condition for allowance.

A clean version of all pending claims is found at pages 2-5. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

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I. Objection of Claims 18 and 19 Under 37 CFR §1.75(c)

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. It is respectfully requested that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. It is believed that the rejection is moot in view of the amendment of claim 15 made herein. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Murphy Jr. *et al.* (U.S. 6,070,245). It is respectfully requested that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reason. Claim 29 has been amended to recite the limitations of objected to claim 11 that the Examiner indicates as being allowable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 29 is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 1, 7-9, 23-25 and 28 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 7-9, 23-25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* Independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to recite the subject matter of objected to claim 11 that the Examiner indicates as being allowable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of independent claims 1 and 23 (and claims 7-9, 24-25 and 28 which depend there from) is respectfully requested.

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V. Rejection of Claim 2 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of the article "Unicode in XML and other Markup Languages" by Durst *et al.* Claim 2 depends from independent claim 1, which, as stated above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the amendment to independent claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

VI. Rejection of Claim 3 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Durst *et al.* and further in view of the article "XML for Dummies" by Tittel *et al.* Claim 3 depends from independent claim 1, which, as noted above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 3 is respectfully requested.

VII. Rejection of Claim 4 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Durst *et al.* further in view of Tittel *et al.* and yet further in view of the article "Forms of Unicode" by Davis. Claim 4 depends from independent claim 1, which, as stated above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

VIII. Rejection of Claim 26 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Tittel *et al.* Claim 26 depends from independent claim 23, which, as stated above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 26 is respectfully requested.

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IX. Rejection of Claims 15-22 and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 15-22 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Tittel *et al.* and further in view of Durst *et al.* Claim 15 has been amended to recite the limitations of objected to claim 11 that the Examiner indicates as being allowable. Claims 16-22 and 27 depend from independent claims 15 and 23 respectfully, which, as stated above, are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 15-22 and 27 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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